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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAMASCUS 1897 (EXDIS) SENT SECSTATE  
MARCH 22ND. QUOTE:

S E C R E T DAMASCUS 1897

EXDIS

FOR ATHERTON FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, US

SUBJECT: MY PROPOSED CALL ON ASAD

1. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO SEEK MEETING  
WITH ASAD BEFORE RETURNING TO STATES FOR CONSULTATIONS  
AND KHADDAM'S VISIT. AM TENTATIVELY PLANNING DEPART  
APRIL 11. IF I HAD SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT  
TO WASHINGTON BY COB APRIL 7, THIS WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT  
FOCUS FOR MY CALL. (ASAD HAS SEEMINGLY PREFERRED TO DEAL  
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WITH ME THROUGH KHADDAM WHO HAS ALWAYS MADE HIMSELF  
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE WHIN I HAVE HAD ANY MESSAGE TO PASS.  
PRESIDENT HAS NEVER INDICATED HE DESIRED CONTACT OTHER  
THAN WHEN I HAD MESSAGE SPECIFICALLY FOR HIM.)

2. IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL POINTS I SHOULD TAKE UP BEYOND  
THAT SIGNALLED IN STATE 48334 CONCERNING PALESTINIAN PARTICI-

PATION IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS, PLEASE ADVISE.

3. TEHRAN 2491 INDICATES ASAD MAY BE ATTEMPTING ROPE IN  
SHAH, AS HE HAS HUSSEIN IN PAST, TO SERVE AS CHANNEL TO  
WASHINGTON. THERE IS VERY LIKELY SOME AS YET UNREVEALED  
MOTIVE FOR HIS DOING SO. HE MAY BE MERELY ACQUIESCING  
IN HUSSEIN'S ADVICE ON THIS ONE. IT COULD ALSO BE A  
DEVIOUS WAY OF INFORMING THE SHAH HE CONSIDERS HIM A CLOSE  
FRIEND, AND TO DISREGARD RECENTLY RENEWED SYRIAN PRESS  
ATTACKS ON IRAQ FOR HAVING SIGNED AWAY RIGHTS TO ARABISTAN  
(KHUZISTAN).  
MURPHY  
UNQUOTE VANCE

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